

RECENT MEETINGS OF LEADING BODIES OF THE SED AND OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE DISCUSSED AND CONFIRMED THE OUTLINE OF THE DELIBERATIONS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF THE SED AND OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN PRAGUE ON DECEMBER 9 AND 10. THEY HAVE ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING JOINT DECLARATION:

THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA PRO EED FROM THE FACT THAT THE FRATERNAL COOPERATION AMONG ALL SOCIALIST STATES WITH THE SOVIET UNION AT THEIR HEART IS THE DECISIVE PRECONDITION FOR SUCCESSFUL SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION AND FOR THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE. THE VERY CLOSE RELATIONS WITHIN THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM WHICH REST ON THE PRINCIPLES OF COMPLETE EQUALITY, AND OF ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AS WELL AS CULTURAL COOPERATION, ARE GAINING MORE AND MORE IMPORTANCE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

SUCH RELATIONS HAVE DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC BECAUSE THE WORKING PEOPLE HEADED BY THE WORKING CLASS AND LED BY REVOLUTIONARY MARXIST-LENINIST PARTIES ARE IN POWER IN BOTH COUNTRIES. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE CAN LIVELY NEW RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES HAS UNDOUBTLY BEEN OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESSFUL FULFILLMENT OF THE TASKS OF SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION IN BOTH COUNTRIES. IT HAS ALSO BEEN MANIFEST IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE GERMAN AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLES.

THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES ARE LINKED BY THE COMMON IDEAS OF SOCIALISM AND PEACE. THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC SHOWED WITH CONFIDENCE TOWARD THE GDR AS THE FIRST DEMOCRATIC GERMAN STATE. THE GERMAN PEOPLE HAVE IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE A TRUE FRIEND IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST MILITARISM AND FASCISM AS WELL AS IN THEIR JUST EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT THE REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY AS A DEMOCRATIC AND PEACE-Loving STATE.

IT IS OUR COMMON INTEREST TO VIGILANTLY GUARD THE MUTUAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AGAINST THE ATTACKS OF OUR ENEMIES AND TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THEM STEADILY. THE TASKS WHICH ARISE FOR OUR INDUSTRIALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE SOCIALIST WORLD SYSTEM AND AS OUTPOSTS ON THE FRONTIERS OF THE CAPITALIST WORLD ALSO IMPOSE AN OBLIGATION ON US TO DO SO.

THE PRESENT EVENTS CONFIRM THE ASSESSMENT MADE BY THE 20TH PARTY CONGRESS OF THE CPSU OF THE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE WORLD IN FAVOR OF PEACE, DEMOCRACY, AND SOCIALISM. THE 20TH PARTY CONGRESS OF THE CPSU INDICATED THE PATH WHICH THE SOCIALIST AND OTHER PEACE-LOVING FORCES ARE SUCCESSFULLY TAKING.

THE STEADILY GROWING SOLIDARITY AMONG THE PEOPLES IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND THE PROGRESS OF MANKIND BRINGS TO NAUGHT THE FURIOUS EFFORTS OF IMPERIALISM AND REACTION TO HALT THIS DEVELOPMENT IN THE WORLD. THEY ARE NOT SUCCEEDING IN DRIVING A WEDGE BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST STATES ON THE ONE HAND AND THE OTHER STATES OF THE MIGHTY ZONE OF PEACE ON THE OTHER.

A PROOF OF THIS IS THE SHASHING OF THE IMPERIALIST ATTACK ON THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF EGYPT. THE HEROIC STRUGGLE OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AND THE DECISIVE ATTITUDE OF THE SOCIALIST STATES, PARTICULARLY OF THE SOVIET UNION, AS WELL AS THE STAND MADE BY OTHER PEACE-LOVING FORCES OF THE WORLD, HAVE FORCED THE ANGLO-FRENCH-ISRAELI AGGRESSORS TO RETREAT.

WE DECLARE THAT WE RESOLUTELY ADVOCATE THAT THE DECISION ON THE REMOVAL OF THE IMPERIALIST TROOPS FROM EGYPT BE FULFILLED AND THAT THE AGGRESSORS COMPENSATE FOR THE DAMAGE WHICH THEY CAUSED TO THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE.

THE INVASION AGAINST EGYPT HAS SHOWN THE PEOPLE ATRESH  
THAT IMPERIALISM THREATENS WORLD PEACE. THIS INDUCES ALL PROGRESSIVE  
PEOPLES TO BE EVEN MORE VIGILANT AND TO BAND TOGETHER MORE  
CLOSERLY IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE WAR-LUSTING IMPERIALIST CIRCLES.

A GRAVE DANGER TO PEACE IN EUROPE AND THUS ALSO FOR  
PEACEFUL SOCIALISM CONSTRUCTION IN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS THE EXISTENCE  
OF THE AGGRESSIVE NORTH ATLANTIC PACT, AND THE REARMAMENT  
OF WEST GERMANY WHICH IS LINKED WITH IT, THE PERSECUTION OF  
SIXTY-EIGHT FIGHTERS FOR PEACE, AND THE BANNING OF THE RPD IN WEST  
GERMANY. THIS REQUIRES THE CONSTANT DEFENSIVE READINESS OF OUR  
COUNTRIES, A RESOLUTE STAND AGAINST ALL ENEMY INTENTIONS, THE  
DEFENDING OF OUR TERRITORY, OF OUR FRONTIERS, AND OF THE  
PEACEFUL WORK OF OUR CITIZENS.

THE WARSAW TREATY OF THE SOCIALIST STATES IS A MIGHTY  
WALLPART WHICH OPPOSES THE DARK INTENTIONS OF THE STATES OF THE  
AGGRESSIVE NORTH ATLANTIC PACT.

THE WARSAW TREATY UNQUEBIVOCALLY LAYS DOWN THE DUTIES AND THE  
DIGNITY OF THE STATES WHICH BELONG TO IT WITH REGARD TO JOINT  
DEFENSE. OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FULFILL THE WARSAW  
TREATY CONSISTENTLY.

THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA ABHO ATE  
THE ELIMINATION OF EVERY FORM OF THE COLD WAR, AND THE  
RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION. OUR AIM IS PEACEFUL COOPERATION  
AMONG ALL STATES AND PEOPLES ON AN EQUAL FOOTING.

WE REGARD THE STATEMENT OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OF THE  
NOW, 17 OF THIS YEAR ON THE QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT AND THE  
RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION AS THE MOST SUITABLE BASIS  
FOR AN UNDERSTANDING AMONG ALL PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES FOR COMMON  
ACTION.

A PART OF THE EXTENSIVE CONSPIRACY OF WORLD REACTION AGAINST  
THE FORCES OF SOCIALISM, DEMOCRACY, AND PEACE, WAS THE ATTEMPT  
TO BRING ABOUT A COUNTERREVOLUTION IN THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S  
DEMOCRACY. THE GRAVE DANGER THREATENED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
FASCIST DICTATORSHIP IN HUNGARY, WITH ALL THE CONSEQUENCES THIS  
WOULD ENTAIL FOR PEACE AND THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE.  
THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IN AGREEMENT  
WITH THE WILL OF THE PEOPLES OF THEIR COUNTRIES, SUPPORTED  
FROM THE FIRST MOMENT ONWARD THE ACTION OF THE SOVIET UNION,  
WHICH COMPLIED WITH THE REQUEST OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTIONARY  
WORKER-PEASANT GOVERNMENT AND RENDERED EFFECTIVE AID IN THE  
SMASHING OF THE FASCIST GANGS. OUR COUNTRIES WELCOME THE VICTORY  
OVER THE COUNTERREVOLUTION, WHICH ENABLES THE HUNGARIAN WORKERS  
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY,  
TO CONTINUE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM IN A FREE, INDEPENDENT,  
DEMOCRATIC STATE, WHICH SERVES THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AMONG THE  
PEOPLES.

THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO  
SUCCEED IN EXPLOITING SHORTCOMINGS CONNECTED WITH THE SOLUTION OF  
THE PROBLEMS OF THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD IN ORDER TO DESTROY THE  
PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC ORDER UNDER THE DEMAGOGIC SLOGAN, "FOR A  
NEW SOCIAL REVOLUTION," AND IN ORDER TO ERECT A FASCIST DICTATORSHIP.  
WE GIVE THE FREIN ASSURANCE THAT THE WORKING CLASS AND THE  
WHOLE OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF HUNGARY MEET WITH OUR FULL  
UNDERSTANDING AND OUR AID, SO THAT THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES WILL  
BE OVERCOME QUICKLY AND SO THAT LIFE WILL RETURN TO NORMAL IN THE  
HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA STRESS  
THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEARN THE LESSONS FROM THE EVENTS IN  
HUNGARY, AND TO INCREASE THE POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL VIGILANCE  
OF OUR PARTIES AND OF ALL THEIR MEMBERS, IN ORDER TO THwart  
IN GOOD TIME THE INTENTIONS OF OUR ENEMIES, PARTICULARLY OF  
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WE WELCOME THE SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS OF THE UNITED POLISH WORKERS' PARTY TO ASSURE FURTHER SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION IN THE NEIGHBORING POLISH PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACY. WE, FOR OUR PART, WANT TO HELP OUR POLISH COMRADES IN OVERCOMING THEIR PRESENT ECONOMIC AND OTHER DIFFICULTIES BY COMPLETELY FRIENDLY COOPERATION WITH THEM AND CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE FRUSTRATION OF THE ATTEMPTS OF POLISH AND FOREIGN REACTION TO WEAKEN POLAND'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION AND TO DISTURB PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE.

THE FIRM VIEWPOINT OF THE CDR WITH REGARD TO THE INVIOABILITY OF POLAND'S WESTERN FRONTIERS ON THE ODER AND NEISSE, WHICH THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC FULLY SUPPORTS, IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THIS CONNECTION.

THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE WISH AND THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING CLASSES AND THE WORKERS OF THEIR COUNTRIES, STRESS THE NECESSITY FOR THE FIRM SOLIDARITY AND UNITY OF THE SOCIALIST STATES HEADED BY THE SOVIET UNION. UNSWERVING FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION IS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE VICTORY OF SOCIALISM IN THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES; IT GUARANTEES THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF WORLD PEACE.

BOTH PARTIES STRONGLY CONDEMN ANY ATTEMPT TO WEAKEN THE UNITY OF THE SOCIALIST STATES, AND TO DISTURB THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIET UNION. THEY REAFFIRM THEIR FIRM DETERMINATION NOT TO ALLOW ANY VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AND TO COMBAT ALL FORMS OF CHAUVINISM AND ANTI-SOVIET TENDENCIES.

THE SOCIALIST WORLD SYSTEM IS ASSURED ABOVE ALL BY THE UNIT OF THE COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES, BY COMMON POSITION ON ALL QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE CONCERNING DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. EACH COUNTRY BUILDS UP SOCIALISM ON THE BASIS OF ITS OWN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS, AND THE TRADITIONS OF THE WORKERS' MOVEMENT.

THE RICH EXPERIENCE OF THE CPSU IN BUILDING UP THE FIRST SOCIALIST SOCIETY IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND, AND UTILIZE IT CREATIVELY. THEY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE EXPERIENCES OF THE OTHER PARTIES.

THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE SOCIALIST WORLD SYSTEM CAN ONLY BE CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS OF MARXISM-LENINISM, WHICH OUR PARTIES FIRMLY DEFEND. ANY ATTEMPT TO FORM ANOTHER PLATFORM FOR THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IS DECISIVELY REJECTED. ALL TALK ABOUT ALLEGED NATIONAL COMMUNISM CONFLICTS WITH MARXISM-LENINISM.

OUR TWO PARTIES ARE LIKEWISE OF THE OPINION THAT THE UNITY OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNIST WORLD MOVEMENT IS INDISPENSABLE. IT IS NECESSARY TO JOINTLY OPPOSE THE IMPERIALIST PROVOCATIONS AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OPPORTUNISTS AND RENEGADES OF THE WORKERS' MOVEMENT OF ALL KINDS AGAINST SOCIALISM. OUR PARTIES DECISIVELY OPPOSE ALL ATTEMPTS TO SPLIT THE MARXIST WORKERS' MOVEMENT BY A DIVISION INTO STALINISTS AND NON-STALINISTS, NEW OLD AND NEW DIRECTIONS. THESE CONCEPTS ORIGINATE IN THE IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA.

WE STICK TO THE PRINCIPLE OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM. WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXTEND MUTUAL BROTHERLY RELATIONS WITH ALL PARTIES. OUR TWO PARTIES ARE PUTTING GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR THE REGULAR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE, AS WELL AS FOR THE HOLDING OF CONVERSATIONS WITH EACH OTHER ON FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE LIFE AND THE POLICIES OF OUR PARTIES, AND OUR STATES.

SO THAT THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES MAY BECOME EVEN BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER, AND GET CLOSER TOGETHER, THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL ENDEAVOR TO DEVELOP FURTHER THE MUTUAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TRADE UNIONS AND COOPERATIVE, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE INTEREST OF BUILDING UP SOCIALISM IN THE GDR AND IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC. TO THIS END WE SHALL CONSOLIDATE THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE WORKERS OF OUR FACTORIES, AGRICULTURAL COOPRATIVES, AND SO FORTH.

THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE BETWEEN THE LEADING BODIES OF THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARD INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR PARTIES AND STATES. THE MATERNAL ALLIANCE AND THE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GERMAN AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE ARE A GREAT FORCE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE VICTORY OF SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION IN OUR COUNTRIES. THEY ARE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE ENTIRE SOCIALIST WORLD SYSTEM, THEY STRENGTHEN WORLD PEACE.

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